

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Araby To11 House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Intersection of Rt. 355 &amp; Araby Road

6th E D 7

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Araby

Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

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**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 2, Box 25

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Court House

Liber #: 535

Folio #: 348

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Md. 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Araby Toll House is a two and a half story, gable roofed frame structure which faces east from the west side of Araby Church Road at the intersection with Route 355. The building is unrelated to any other buildings.

The Toll House was built in two parts, the north part is the original structure; the south part is a two story frame addition.

The principal facade which is the east side is five bays wide. Two four panel doors with modern storm doors are located in the third and fourth bay from the south corner. Double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters are located in the remaining three bays. Two wooden window boxes are located below the second and fifth window. A frame overhang with tin roof extends over the entire first level on the north part of the building. The second level on the east side is three bays wide. Double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters identical to those on the first level are located over the first, third, and fifth bays of the first level. The tin roof is finished by a boxed cornice with return. The north and south sides of the building are one bay wide. One window identical to those on the eastside is located on the first level of each side. A small window is centered in each gable.

The west side of the building is three bays wide. Located in the second bay on the first level is a double hung 6/6 window with one missing louvered shutter. Three double hung six over six windows are located on the second level of the west side. The window in the first bay has a missing shutter. A replaced modern chimney is located in the center of the north part of the building.

A double headed stove pipe is located inside in the south part of the building. The foundation of the building is not visible from the outside of the building but is probably random stone.

The Toll House is presently used as a tenant house, and is in fair condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Araby Toll House is important to the Urbana area as evidence of a turnpike which once existed between Frederick and Washington D.C. (Georgetown).

The turnpike which this toll house served was the Monocacy Valley Turnpike Company. The original road did not follow the present Route 355, but followed Araby Road past the toll house. It is not known when the building was constructed, but it is not shown on the Titus Map of 1873. According to local residents the toll house remained in use until around 1915 and the last toll keeper was a woman.

The Araby Toll House is also a good example of the unique type of architecture used to suit the purposes of the building. Since the house was used as a residence for the toll keeper and as a boarding house for travelers, the toll house was usually built in two parts with a door entering each part. The large overhanging roof is also characteristic of toll houses on many of the turnpikes.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 217.44

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

9/6/77

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Toll House.

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South West View

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Toll House  
Northeast View

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